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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING IN THE NEXT GENERATION 911 PROCEEDING

PS Docket No. 11-153, PS Docket No. 10-255

Comments Due: December 12, 2011 Reply Comments Due: January 10, 2012

On September 22, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Next Generation 911 (NG911) proceeding. The *NG911 NPRM* sought comment on a number of issues related to accelerating the development and deployment of NG911 technology that will enable the public to send emergency communications to 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) via text, photos, videos, and data and enhance the information available to PSAPs and first responders for assessing and responding to emergencies. The *NG911 NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 60 and 90 days after publication in the Federal Register.

On October 12, 2011, the Federal Register published a summary of the *NG911 NPRM*.² Accordingly, comments must be filed on or before December 12, 2011; and reply comments must be filed on or before January 10, 2012. The *NG911 NPRM* sets forth the comment filing instructions.

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¹ In the Matter of Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications; Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, PS Docket No. 11-153, PS Docket No. 10-255, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 11-134, __ FCC Rcd __ (rel. Sept. 22, 2011) (*NG911 NPRM*).

² See 76 Fed. Reg. 63257 (Oct. 12, 2011).